

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 759

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Joe M. Haynes, Jr., on his meritorious service as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Joe M. Haynes, Jr. of Nashville is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the Senate will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2012 Session of the 107th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes has for many years been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Davidson County and in 1982, the good people of Senate District 20 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Joe Haynes by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee Senate, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his seven terms and twenty-eight years in the Senate, Senator Joe Haynes has been a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 94th through 107th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, he has astutely served as a member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee, the Senate Education Committee, the Select Joint Oversight Committee on Education and the Joint Veterans Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, a member and past chair of the Davidson County Legislative Delegation, Senator Haynes is also a past chair of the Senate Government Operations Committee, a member and past chair of the Senate Ethics Committee and a past secretary of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime leader in the Senate, Senator Haynes adroitly represented the Democratic Caucus as the Majority Caucus Chairman during the 100th through 105th General Assemblies, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Democratic Caucus during the 97th through 99th General Assemblies and as Democratic Caucus Majority Whip during the 94th General Assembly in addition to being his party's nominee for Speaker of the Senate during the 107th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative service, Senator Haynes has sponsored and supported a number of prominent pieces of legislation, including the work of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission which rewrote the criminal statutes, the Maternity Leave Bill, the Victim's Rights Bill, and major legislation in the areas of domestic violence, ethics reform, education, community corrections, and prison funding; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes first entered public service as a Commissioner for the City of Goodlettsville where he served from 1976 until 1988, completing his tenure in the position of Vice-Mayor from 1986 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Joe Haynes has served as a member of many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Order of the Mystic Shrine, Al Menah Temple; Free and Accepted Masons; Tennessee Elks Association; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Madison Elks Lodge (past Exalted Ruler); East Nashville Optimist Club; Civitan Club; Goodlettsville-Madison Shrine Club (past president); Kiwanis Club, and the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Nashville, Senator Haynes is a member of the Southern Growth Policies Board, the McKendree Village Retirement Community Board of Directors, the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce (past president and director), the Madison

Chamber of Commerce, the Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sumner County and the son of Joe D. and Lucy Katherine (Kennedy) Haynes, Joe M. Haynes, Jr. is a 1955 graduate of Gallatin High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1959; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from college, Senator Haynes accepted a position with E.I. DuPont Company in Old Hickory, Tennessee, where he worked during the day while also attending the Nashville School of Law, known then as the YMCA Night Law School; and

WHEREAS, earning his Juris Doctorate in 1965, Joe Haynes was admitted to the bar in 1966 and has operated a law practice since that time; a partner with the firm of Haynes, Freeman & Bracey in Goodlettsville, he is licensed to practice before federal and state courts and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the legal profession and a Nashville Bar Fellow, Joe Haynes is a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and a past president and director of the Nashville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, for his unparalleled devotion to public service and his constituents, Joe Haynes has received numerous awards and honors, including the Citizen of the Year Award from the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, the Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award from the Consulting Engineers of Tennessee, the President's Award from the Democratic Women's Club of Davidson County, the 1996 Legislator of the Year Award from the Tennessee Development District Association, the 1996 Legislative Leadership Award from Tennessee Citizen Action, the 1995 Public Service Award from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and the State Legislator of the Year Award from the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Long Rifle Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Joe Haynes has also received appreciation awards from a vast array of organizations, including the Association of Retarded Citizens of Tennessee; the Greater Nashville Regional Council; Nashville Firefighters Association, Local 763; Tennessee Housing

Industry Conference; Tennessee State Employees Association; Zoological Society of Middle Tennessee; Employee Assistance Professionals; Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; Metro Police Department; and the Tennessee Emergency Number Association; and

WHEREAS, as a further testament to the honesty, integrity and the overall exemplary character and devotion with which he has performed his duties as a servant of the people, he was honored in 1992 by Holy Rosary School in Donelson with the establishment of the "Senator Joe M. Haynes Award for Excellence" which is bestowed annually on exemplary male and female graduates; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Senator Joe Haynes is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and sweetheart, Judge Barbara Haynes; and

WHEREAS, during the opening session of the 96th General Assembly on January 9, 1989, Judge Barbara Haynes became the first woman to administer the oath of office to the entire assemblage of the recently elected sixteen senators, which included her husband who had won the first of many re-election contests; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Barbara Haynes are the proud parents of three devoted children, Jeffrey N. Haynes, Scott K. Haynes, and Amanda Haynes Young, and beloved grandparents of seven grandchildren, William Campbell Haynes, Benjamin Hardin Haynes, Richard Furman Haynes, Madden Haynes Young, Adam Gillespie Young, Caroline Davis Haynes, and Mary Neely Young; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes is a faithful member of Goodlettsville Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he has taught Sunday school and served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Joe Haynes' retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of Senate District 20; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Senator Joe Haynes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator Joe Haynes on his meritorious service to

Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Davidson County, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Senator Haynes as a token of our esteem.